



PROMISE PROJECT

VIET NAM

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I. Project Description and Objective

Introduction on the ADPC – USAID Program

ADPC has picked up five candidate cities from Bangladesh, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka and Vietnam in consultation of the lead partner in respective countries through an analysis conducted in South Asia and South Asia for city demonstration projects. The selected cities are among the most vulnerable secondary cities subjected to hydro-meteorological events in the recent history. They are rapidly urbanizing and have the potential to be impacted severely affected by hydro-meteorological events in the future. City authorities of the respective candidate cities consider risk management as one of the priority issues among the problems faced by residents of the respective city and have shown a keen interest to take up activities under city demonstration projects. ADPC has included a concept note on the potential project and the detail project proposal should be in line with the concept note, which we have already shared with Project leading partners.

Based on the above assessment, ADPC has identified the following secondary cities as primary target area for project implementation, namely Chittagong in Bangladesh, Rawalpindi in Pakistan, Dagupan city in the Philippines, Kalutara in Sri Lanka and Da Nang in Vietnam.

Danang city and Cam Le district

Da Nang city is located along the coast in Central Viet Nam, which is a long-stretching narrow region. The area is frequently subjected to flood and storm disaster events. Storms, affecting the Central provinces, often originate from tropical storms and depressions coming from the South China Sea (East Sea), and from tropical and cold fronts. Severe storms with strong wind are often engaged with heavy rains, causing river water level rising and flooding.

Cam Le, a newly split district from former Hoà Vang district of Danang city was selected to be the area for project implementation for its matching to the project objectives. The fact that urbanization is happening to most of the wards of the district inconsistently has exposed vulnerability to disasters of this district. The district is situated in the low-lying location, which has total natural area of 230 ha. There are 6 wards in the district namely: Khue Trung, Hoa Xuan, Hoa Tho Dong, Hoa Tho Tay, Hoa Phat and Hoa An. Its total population is 71.000 people (16.612 households), in which there are 1.231 poor households accounting for 6.44%.

Identified potential hazards to the District include flood, storm and drought.

Program Objectives

The proposed project will build on the activities undertaken and strategies developed under the AUDMP for achieving the above goal through:

- Adoption of specific hydro-meteorological disaster preparedness and mitigation measures *to manage hydro-meteorological disaster risk* by stakeholders in targeted cities;
- Increased stakeholder involvement and further enhancement of strategies, tools and methodologies related to community preparedness and mitigation of hydro-meteorological disasters in urban communities;
- Enhanced coordination with USAID Missions to promote sustainability and ensure program activities accord with USAID country and regional strategies;
- Strengthen networks and regional links among relevant risk management institutions/organizations for improving potential and capacity for application and dissemination of lessons learned.

2. Project Components and Summary of Accomplishments for the Reporting Quarter

▪ Component 1: Hazard Mapping, Vulnerability and Risk Assessment

Objective: Adoption of specific hydro-meteorological disaster preparedness and mitigation measures to manage hydro-meteorological disaster risk by stakeholders in targeted cities.

Outputs 1.1 Increase resilience of selected communes to hydro meteorological disasters.

Outputs 1.2 Improved capacities of public and private sector practitioners to apply skills and technologies for community preparedness and mitigation and to manage hydro meteorological disaster risks.

▪ Summary of Accomplishments for the reporting quarter

No activity is reported under this component.

▪ Summary of status of this Component

Activity	Status	Planned period
1.1 Survey and Inception workshop		
1.1.1 Participatory Vulnerability Assessment (PVA)	Completed	
1.1.2 Baseline survey	Completed	
1.1.3 Inception workshop at city and wards level	Completed	
1.2 Identification of the change agent and TOT		
1.2.1 Identification of the Change agents	Completed	
1.2.2 Training of Trainer (TOT)	Completed	
1.2.3 Conducting and disseminating skills in safer construction techniques with local builders, district and ward engineers.	Completed	
1.3 Documentation of best practices for community-based small-scale mitigation projects to reduce vulnerability.	Completed	
1.4 Information on early warning system disseminated and community access to EWS strengthened.	To be started	Quarter 1, 2008

- **Component 2 Mitigation and Preparedness**

Objective: Increased stakeholder involvement and further enhancement of strategies, tools and methodologies related to community preparedness and mitigation of hydro-meteorological disasters in urban communities.

Output 2.1 Increase adoption of tools and methodologies for community preparedness and mitigation of hydro meteorological disaster by stakeholder.

Output 2.2 Improved practices (techniques, methodologies, tools) and strategies for hazard mitigation and community preparedness throughout the region.

- **Summary of Accomplishments for the reporting quarter**

- Activity 2.4.1 Revise Disaster Preparedness Plan (DPP)**

Three community meetings were conducted in three wards from 23th to 25th October to disseminate CBDRM knowledge and safe house construction techniques and validation of the ward disaster preparedness plan. A total of 150 persons including chief of the sections, community based organizations and residents attended the one-day training and meeting delivered by the Change Agents who attended the TOT in the previous month. Based on the information gathered in the community meetings, the revision was being done accordingly.

- Activity 2.4.2 Sub project selection review**

Based on the investment fund defined for subprojects in PROMISE Vietnam project, CECI used the remaining Relief fund to invest more in the subprojects proposed by the community and extended the project support to the non-project areas in the remaining three wards of Cam Le district. A list of community based small scale projects were submitted to ADPC team for their comments and approval. These projects included structural and non-structural subprojects as upgrading inter-field dyke for agriculture production, improvement of flood drains and evacuation routes and community awareness raising and support of emergency facilities under the City level Emergency Response Plans.

ADPC granted their approval for the proposed structural small scale disaster migration projects. These projects included upgrading inter-field dykes (two sections) for agriculture production, improvement of flood drains and evacuation routes.

The project team has finished revision of the other two subprojects, Community Awareness Raising on Disaster Preparedness and Building Practices and Improving Emergency Response of Cam Le district. Proposals were sent to ADPC team for their comments and approval.

Activity 2.4.2 Sub project selection review

• Delivery of Emergency Facilities

PROMISE Vietnam provided some of emergency facilities such as 90 life jackets, 40 life buoys, 260 helmets, 98 hand loudspeakers and 300 m of ropes emergency rescue team of wards and sections as proposed in their disaster preparedness plans. The equipment was delivered before the historic flood on 12 November 2007. The in time support has helped the community be better prepared to the second biggest flood ever happened in the Central of Vietnam.

• Training on how to use emergency facilities correctly

After delivering of emergency facilities, a training on how to use these facilities were conducted to thirty members of emergency response teams of three wards. The training was done in collaboration with the city Red Cross.

• Structural small scale community based subprojects:

Development of design and cost estimates of the four approved structural subprojects, namely upgrading of flood drain, inter-field dyke sections (two sections) and evacuation bridge and road, continued to proceed. As part of the capacity building strategy, the consultant engineer of the project assisted the district and ward in revising the designs and cost estimates to ensure technicality and sustainability of these projects. Meetings were held between the project teams and ward's PC and designer to finalize the design options and agree on the local community's contribution as well as project's contribution. It was expected that design and cost estimates of the mentioned projects would be finalized and submitted to the district for their appraisal and evaluation in early January 2008, and construction would start afterwards.

• Refresher TOT

In preparation for implementation of the Community Awareness Raising on Disaster Preparedness and Building Practices, a refresher training was held to the Change Agents (local trainers) this month. Fourteen Change Agents (five females and nine males) of the six wards of Cam le district and Ngu Hanh Son district (previously were trained by CECI in a disaster mitigation program) participated into the three-day training which focused on lesson planning and practicum. The purpose of combining the newly trained with the existing resources was to strengthening CBDRM delivery skills of the existing resources as well as to have experience exchange between the newly trained and experienced trainers.

These Change Agents would be in charge of delivering twenty classes on CBDRM and safe construction techniques to the community people in six wards of Cam Le district.

Activity 2.5 Risked based urban land use planning training

Activity 2.5.2 Develop guidelines on safe construction techniques

The guidelines were reviewed by ADPC team. Based on the comments given by ADPC team, the project team has revised the guidelines and sent back to ADPC for their final ideas and approval. Translation into Vietnamese was also being revised accordingly in preparation for the in-house workshop with the city authority in the following months.

Activity 2.6 Emergency Rescue team at city and ward level/development of " Standard Operating Procedures"

Information on the emergency rescue system of the city was being gathered to decide on project possible interventions.

▪ **Summary of status of this Component**

Activity	Status	Planned period
2.1 Revise and adapt the CBDRM training material for PROMISE project		
2.1.1 Revise and adapt the CBDRM training material	Completed	
2.2 Orientation session for local partners	Completed	
2.3 CBDRM training – community level	Completed	
2.3.1 CBDRM training at community level	Completed	
2.3.2 CBDRM community meeting at section level	Completed	
2.4 Participatory Disaster Preparedness Plan		
2.4.1 Revise Disaster Preparedness Plan	Completed	
2.4.2 Subproject selection	Ongoing	
2.4.3 Subproject implementation	Started	
2.5 Risk based Urban Land use planning training		
<i>Activity 2.5.1: Training on construction techniques resistant to typhoon and flood</i>	Completed	
<i>Activity 2.5.2: Develop guidelines</i>	Being finalized	
Activity 2.6: Emergency and Rescue team at city and wards level development of "Standard Operating Procedures"		
<i>Activity 2.6.1 Development of "Standard Operating Procedures"</i>	To be started	Quarter 1 – 2008
<i>Activity 2.6.2: Training on Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)</i>	To be started	Quarter 1 – 2008

- **Component 3: Training and Public Awareness**

Objective 3: Enhanced coordination with USAID Missions to promote sustainability and ensure program activities accord with USAID country and regional strategies.

Outputs: Enhanced coordination and linkages between USAID country and regional offices and program partners at national and regional level to ensure program activities accord with USAID country and regional strategies

Increased visibility of USAID humanitarian assistance to risk communities

- **Summary of Accomplishments for the reporting quarter**

- **Activity 3.1 Campaign for raising public awareness**

Being included in the disaster preparedness plan, the ward would conduct campaigns for raising Public Awareness and activities for the sections/wards and will be organized for political representatives, business leaders, community leaders, women groups, etc. Four of six wards proposed different awareness raising activities such as music performance, demonstration on emergency rescue, organizing a competition by Youth Union on disaster mitigation content knowledge, marching to raise awareness on disaster management and environment protection. These plans were planned for January and February 08.

- **Activity 3.1.2 School programs:**

Drawing competition on Disaster Preparedness and Living Environment Protection in primary schools of the three project wards was held successfully with a big number of pupils' registration. The objectives of the competition are to (i) highlight the importance of raising awareness on disaster preparedness and living environment protection for community members of all ages; (ii) collect drawings that could eventually be used by the project team to develop training and awareness material on disaster preparedness and living environment protection as well as disaster risk mitigation issues. The competition covered different themes specified as Activities that children can do to help family to prepare for coping a disaster and keeping living environment clean; Early warning systems, Communication during a disaster, Role of the community before, during and after a disaster, Safe evacuation, Clean water and hygiene and Rescue activities.

The activity was done at two levels, firstly competition at school levels, then selection of best drawings of the district. A number of four hundred and ten pupils of the 4th and 5th grade of five primary schools attended the drawing competition.

The drawings which won the prizes were exhibited to schools pupils and then was used to develop the picture books in the library and used to develop the calendar for the year 208 with the awareness raising message and “do” and “don't” advice.

The competition was held in collaboration with the Education Department of Cam le district and involvement of different stakeholders such as teachers, people's committee of wards, district project steering committee.

Activity 3.4: Training on Medical First Responders

Three classes on Community Level Basic Emergency were conducted for emergency response teams of three wards. These classes followed the same three-day training modules and materials of C- BERC as previously provided by ADPC trainers (DM in Vietnam, Diseases Precautions, Emergency Incident, Principles of Patient Assessment, Basic Life Support & CPR, Bleeding, Shock, Lifting and Moving Patient, Fracture, Sprain, Dislocation and Triage). In total around 62 persons attended the training with the majority of men (70%) and was given Certificate of Completion. City red cross trainers, who acted as Assistants for ADPC trainers, delivered these trainings.

As commented by participants and district as well as ward authorities, C-BERC training was very essential and practical so they proposed to have more training classes given to sub committee for storm and flood control at section cluster level.

Summary of status of this Component

Activity	Status	Planned period
3.1: Campaigns for raising Public Awareness		
3.1.1 Public awareness raising at ward levels	Started	Quarter 1 – 2008
3.1.2 School Programmes	Completed	
3.2 – Disaster safety day events at city level:		
3.2.1: Supporting Awareness Raising Funds	To be started	Quarter 1 – 2008
3.3.2: Radio broadcast	To be started	Quarter 1 – 2008
Activity 3.4 - Training on Medical First Responders		
Activity 3.4 .1- Training on Medical First Responders	Completed	

- **Component 4: Advocacy for Mainstreaming risk management in urban governance**

Objective 4 Strengthen networks and regional links among relevant risk management institutions/organizations for improving potential and capacity for application and dissemination of lessons learned.

Output 4.1 Increased collaboration and partnership among stakeholders at city and national level

Output 4.2 Increased collaboration and partnership with regional and international institution for wider dissemination and enhanced capacity for adaptation of tools and methodologies for community preparedness and mitigation.

- **Summary of Accomplishments for the reporting quarter**

Activity 4.2 Study tour for CBDRM institutionalization model

Following the engagement into the Media Campaign under the DIPECHO Advocacy Network Initiative project to advocate for CBDRM at both national and local level in August, PROMISE Vietnam also actively participated in the Communities Disaster Prevention Tour for DIPECHO project partners from 4th to 10 October. This was the integration of PROMISE VIETNAM into other projects implemented by CECI as a partner of DIPECHO project. Around 35 participants from Save the Children, OXFARM, SRC-NLRC VNRC, CARE, World Vision, Development Workshop France, CECI and mass media would participate in the study tour to different projects from the South to the Central of Vietnam. PROMISE Vietnam appointed Ms Duong Thi Hoai Trang, the Project Coordinator, Ms Marie France Biron, Urban Planning Volunteer and Ms. Duong Thi Hoan, Economic Department of Cam Le district, and two Vice Chairs of two vulnerable wards, Mr Nguyen Tuong and Nguyen Quang Vinh to join the study tour. PROMISE Vietnam took the delegations to Promise project area and visit an example of its safer house program for promotion of application of safe techniques in house construction practices.

The study tour ended on the 10th after all the participants participated in various activities and meetings to celebrate the International Disaster Reduction Day in Hue city.

- **Summary of status of this Component**

Activity	Status	Planned period
4.1 Workshop on CBDRM institutionalisation (training / workshop)		
4.1.1 Material review	To be started	Quarter 1 – 2008
4.1.2 Workshop on CBDRM Institutionalisation	To be started	Quarter 1 – 2008
4.2 Study tours for CBDRM institutionalisation model		
4.2.1 Study tour	completed	
4.3 - Workshop on experience sharing through existing network	To be started	Quarter 1 - 2008
4.3.1 Developing material		
4.3.2 Workshop on experience sharing		
4.4 Organization of meetings with people's committee officials at city, district and ward levels	To be started	Quarter 1 - 2007
4.4.1 Organization of meetings with people's committee officials at city, district and ward levels		
4.5. Familiarization with guidelines on risk management and governance		

4.5.1. Review of existing guidelines of building practices in Danang and other areas of Vietnam	completed	
4.5.2. Study guidelines of ADPC	completed	
4.5.3. Workshop for familiarization with guidelines on risk management and governance	To be started	Quarter 1 – 2008
4.6 Collaborate with other national and international programs	on going	
4.6.1 Ongoing collaboration	on going	

- **Other Activities:**
Development of Case Study for Promise Vietnam

Development of the case study on PROMISE Vietnam program “Promoting Safer Housing Construction through CBDRM: Community designed Safe Housing in Post Xangane Danang city” was finished by Ms Gabrielle Iglesias, PROMISE's Networking and Information Coordinator from ADPC. This case study of Danang city describes how building safer houses has to be supported by a comprehensive and integrated approach that includes creating a culture of safety through an appropriate institutional framework, community - based risk management, and raising the capacity of house owners and builders.

Regional networking and information dissemination

Website for Promise Vietnam was developed and being updated (<http://www.ceciasia.org/countryprograms/Vietnam/promise>)

Visit to PROMISE Vietnam by USAID representatives

PROMISE Vietnam was welcome the visit of Mr. Olivier C. Carduner, Mission Director of USAID, Asia and Ms. Bret Jones, USAID Vietnam. The project team made a presentation on the progress of PROMISE projects, then took the delegates to visit to the most vulnerable ward and most affected areas by the historic flood on 12 November 2007, have a meeting with local partners, and attend the training class on how to use emergency facilities and demonstration of emergency rescue.

3. Planned vs. Actual Achievements

Some delay in progress of activities were encountered so PROMISE Vietnam was trying to catch up with the planned schedule.

4. Project Management

Progress Review 05 – 06 December 2007

Progress review of Promise Vietnam was conducted on 05 -06 December 2007 with attendance of Ms. Kathleen McLaughlin, Regional Director of CECI Asia and Mr. Iftikhor Vatanshoev, Program Officer upon their mission to Vietnam. The project team discussed about completed as well as outstanding issues and agreed to ask for ADPC's approval for one month extension.

5. Planned Activities for Next Quarter

- Finalization of guidelines on urban planning and safer construction techniques;
- Implementation of small scale mitigation projects
- Campaign for raising public awareness,
- Support for city EOC
- Preparation for Workshop in CBDRM Institutionalization

